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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GREGG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAUFMAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “New Frontier Congres-
5 sional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) as spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the
9 first manned lunar landing mission, Neil A. Arm-
10 strong gained the distinction of being the first man
11 to land a craft on the moon and first to step on its
12 surface on July 21, 1969;

13 (2) by conquering the moon at great personal
14 risk to safety, Neil Armstrong advanced America sci-
15 entifically and technologically, paving the way for fu-
16 ture missions to other regions in space;

17 (3) Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. joined Arm-
18 strong in piloting the lunar module, Eagle, to the
19 surface of the moon, and became the second person
20 to walk upon its surface;

21 (4) Michael Collins piloted the command mod-
22 ule, Columbia, in lunar orbit and helped his fellow
23 Apollo 11 astronauts complete their mission on the
24 moon;

1 (5) John Herschel Glenn Jr. helped pave the
 2 way for the first lunar landing when on February
 3 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the
 4 Earth; and

5 (6) John Glenn's actions, like Armstrong's,
 6 Aldrin's and Collins's, continue to greatly inspire the
 7 people of the United States.

8 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

9 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
 10 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Neil
 11 A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin Jr., Michael Col-
 12 lins and John Herschel Glenn Jr. each a gold medal of
 13 appropriate design, in recognition of their significant con-
 14 tributions to society.

15 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
 16 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
 17 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
 18 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
 19 Secretary.

20 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are
 21 authorized to be appropriated \$50,000 to carry out this
 22 section.

23 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

24 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the
 25 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the

1 gold medal struck pursuant to section 3 under such regu-
2 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient
3 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,
4 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of
5 the gold medal.

6 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-
7 propriation used to carry out section 3 shall be reimbursed
8 out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

10 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
11 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
12 States Code.

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